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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2626
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Chih-Chung KUO <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: D. Godbold
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Serial Number: 10/782,955	)	Attorney Docket: KUOC3019/BEU
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Filed: February 23, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 7575

**For: Automatic Speech Segmentation and Verification Method and System**

**DECLARATION TO SHOW THAT REFERENCE IS PUBLICATION  
OF APPLICANTS' OWN INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132**

Honorable Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

As the above-named Applicants, Chih-Chung KUO, Chi-Shiang KUO, and Jau-Hung CHEN, we hereby declare that:

1. We made the invention upon which the relevant disclosure in the publication "Automatic Speech Segmentation and Verification for Concatenative Synthesis," presented at *Eurospeech 2003 - Switzerland*, September 1-4, 2003 (hereinafter, the Kuo *et al.* publication), is based.
2. We are the sole inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
2. The Kuo *et al.* publication was first published less than one year before the filing date of the above-identified patent application (February 23, 2004).
3. The non-applicant co-author of the Kuo *et al.* publication, Sen-Chia CHANG, derived his knowledge of the relevant subject matter from us.
4. This declaration is submitted prior to a final rejection in the above-identified application.

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Oct. 4, 2007

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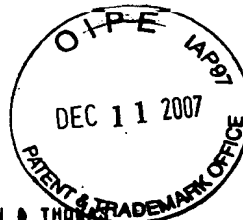
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